

Voices to Votes NC Questionnaire: Clifford Barnett

1. As a Council member, which factor will carry more weight in your decision making...your professional experience and personal opinions or the wishes of a majority of Wilmington residents?
2. You stated “*Wilmington’s strength lies in its people and the unique character of its neighborhoods*”. You also describe Wilmington as “a vibrant and beautiful city”. Your voting record reflects support for large, multi-family housing developments. How do you reconcile embracing rapid growth with preserving our unique character, vibrancy and beauty of our neighborhoods?
3. The pace of multi-family residential development has obviously grown beyond the capacity of many of our roads and intersections. Expanding or adding roads is limited by our unique geography and poor long-term planning in the past. We face budget limitations both at the local and NCDOT level. Please be specific and tell us how you would propose to improve our already stressed road networks, or would you support a pause in approval of new multi-family developments until necessary infrastructure improvements can be made?
4. Every candidate says they support more affordable housing. Regarding affordable housing as per the HUD definition, what specifically can city council do to increase the supply of affordable housing in Wilmington? Would you support increased taxes to finance more subsidies to finance affordable housing projects?
5. Do you believe existing Wilmington residents should be willing to sacrifice some level of their quality of life to create more housing for people who want to move to Wilmington?